

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

Sexual Assault Definition

Sexual assault is a crime defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. "Consent" will not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, or coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Reporting Options- Military members are afforded two sexual assault reporting options.

Restricted reporting allows a person who is a sexual assault victim, on a confidential basis, to disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering the official investigative process. Persons who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy should report the assault to the sexual assault response coordinator (SARC), victim advocate, chaplain, or a healthcare provider.

Unrestricted reporting allows a person who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling, and an official investigation of his/her allegation to use current reporting channels (for example, the chain of command or law enforcement), or he/she may report the incident to the SARC or the on-call victim advocate. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately notify a victim advocate. Additionally, with the victim's consent, the healthcare provider will conduct a forensic examination, which may include the collection of evidence. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Victim Rights

- Right to be treated with fairness and respect
- Right to immediate and effective medical care
- Right to be reasonably protected
- Right to be notified of court proceedings
- Right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense (unless the court determines otherwise)
- Right to talk with the attorney for the Government in the case
- Right to restitution, if appropriate
- Right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment or release of the offender from custody

Sexual assault is a crime punishable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, and other Federal, and/or local laws. Sexual assault is incompatible with military values.

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Points of Contact

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	706-791-6297/1617
Victim Advocacy	706-791-6297/3579
D. D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center	706-787-5811/5222
Criminal Investigation Command	706-791-4611
Military Police	706-791-4380/4537
Chaplain	706-791-5653
Staff Judge Advocate Office	706-791-3148
Victim Witness Liaison	706-791-1992
Behavioral Health	706-787-5392
Social Work Services	706-787-3656
Military One Source	800-342-9647
Rape Crisis of Augusta	706-724-5200
Richmond County Sheriff's Office	706-821-1080
Columbia County Police Department	706-541-2800

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SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING PROCESS

If **YOU** or someone you know are the Victim of Sexual Assault

**CALL 706-791-6297
AND REPORT THE
INCIDENT**

**A VICTIM
ADVOCATE WILL
BE ASSIGNED**

**THE VICTIM ADVOCATE
WILL EXPLAIN THE
REPORTING OPTIONS**

UNRESTRICTED

- Law Enforcement
- Chain of Command
- Medical Care
- Counseling
- Victim Advocacy
- Intervention/Support
- Information

RESTRICTED

- Medical Care
- Counseling
- Victim Advocacy
- Intervention/Support
- Information

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
HOTLINE**

706-791-6297

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